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Cecil A. Jeffery (seated at right) leads a Sponsors Clinic at the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles, California. With nine Christian Endeavor groups, a total of twenty-two sponsors attended sessions for three Monday evenings. Mr. Jeffery, regional vice-president for the International Society, has led three additional Sponsors Clinics recently. Warren Olson, president of the California Union, is standing behind Mr. Jeffery.

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From the Executive Secretary...

A Call to Prayer

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." This is God's word to us through Jeremiah. And again, Paul in writing to the Christians at Phillipi admonishes us "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." The 1957 Membership Mobilization and Society Roll Call is about to begin. During January and February this important finance effort will be under way in an effort to support the ministry of Christian Endeavor for Christ and the Church. The International Society, the state or provincial union, and the World's Union share. Will you join with us and other members and friends of Christian Endeavor International in earnest prayer that the objectives of the CHRIST SHALL REIGN program and the goals for the 1957 Membership Mobilization may be realized, and Christian Endeavor thus become better able to fulfill its mission FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH, winning and training youth in all places.

Happy Birthday

Yes, it's "Happy Birthday" to Christian Endeavor during "our" week January 27 through February 3. Make a real place for a Spirit-filled celebration—it can be truly significant in the life of each Endeavorer, society and union. It can bring spiritual blessing to countless thousands. Pray . . . plan . . . prepare . . . promote . . . and profit by a great celebration of Christian Endeavor's 76th birthday.

Honors to Christian Endeavorers

The Order of Purple Ribbon, medal for merit, has been given by the Japanese government to Dr. Akira Ebisawa, executive secretary of the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor. The decoration, the first given to a Christian pastor, was in recognition for Dr. Ebisawa's work in producing Christian literature.

Miss Alice Whitley Jones, Richmond, Virginia, trustee of the International Society and former regional vice-president in charge of the Southern Region, was recently elected Lieutenant-Governor of the Nineteenth District of Quota International.

The December 1, 1956, issue of UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION, official organ of the National Association of Evangelicals, carries a fine article entitled "Separation of Church and State" written by Dr. Melvin M. Forney of Philadelphia and New York City, executive secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of the U.S. Dr. Forney, popular on many Christian Endeavor platforms, is a former pastor counsellor of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union, and will be a conference leader and speaker at the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13.

James A. Huff, Jr., Dies

Christian Endeavorers mourn the death of James A. Huff, Jr., recently in Winter Park, Florida. "Jim," as he was known to his host of friends, was a trustee of the International Society at the time of his death. He was a past president of the Tennessee Christian Endeavor Union and had been the vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Southern Region. Mr. Huff was one of the oldest candidates for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., being ordained at the age of 45 on June 21, 1953. He completed his studies at the Louisville Theological Seminary, after forsaking a profitable business career. Our sympathy and prayers go out to his wife Jane, his son John, and his two daughters, Jane Marie and Carol Anne, all of Winter Park, Florida. We rejoice in the life and witness that was Jim Huff's.

...And a Blessed and Happy New Year

From all of us to all of you comes this earnest wish for a blessed and a happy new year ahead. We praise God for all that has been done in and through Christian Endeavor in the past and face forward into another year, trusting Him for the days ahead.

Harold Westerhoff

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Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest
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Citizenship Director
 International Society of Christian Endeavor
 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio

I hereby enter Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest. Please send me the Service Record blanks.

Name ALLAN DYLESKI
 (Please Print)

Number and Street 626 Bloomfield Ave.
 City, Zone and State Clifton, N.J.
 Local Church 1st Presbyterian Pres.
 (Denomination or Brotherhood)

Date of Birth October 1, 1940

I am in high school or below ☒
 I am out of high school but have not reached my 25th birthday ☐
 I agree to observe the rules and conditions outlined in this folder ☒

Allen Dyleski
 (Signature of Entrant)

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Name ELLEN LUCILLE HENCOCK
 (Please Print)

Number and Street 1295 So. Patton Ct.
 City, Zone and State DENVER 18, Colorado
 Local Church MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY REFORM
 (Denomination or Brotherhood)

Date of Birth APRIL 8, 1940

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Ellen Lucille Henck
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Name MISS DORIS JEAN TEAGUE
 (Please Print)

Number and Street BOX 1054
 City, Zone and State LIBERTY, N.C.
 Local Church Congregational
 (Denomination or Brotherhood)

Date of Birth April 2, 1939

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Doris Jean Teague
 (Signature of Entrant)

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I hereby enter Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest. Please send me the Service Record blanks.

Name ERIE, PA.
 (Please Print)

Number and Street PRESBYTERIAN USA.
 City, Zone and State October 12, 1939
 Local Church Presbyterian
 (Denomination or Brotherhood)

Date of Birth October 12, 1939

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Jim Humphrey
 (Signature of Entrant)

Young People Enter Citizenship Contest As Deadline Nears

**\$1,000 in Awards and Two Trips to Convention in Portland to be Given--
 Final Date for Entries is February 4**

FEBRUARY 4 is an important date for young people throughout North America.

Those who wish to take part in the sixth annual Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest must send their entries postmarked no later than February 4 to the Citizenship Director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Many youth have already sent word that they are going to participate in the contest in which there are awards totaling \$1,000 with two all-expense paid trips to the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Portland, Orgeon, July 8-13, 1957.

Robert C. Ross, citizenship director of International Society, advises that entries are being received from all sections of the United States and Canada. Competition will be divided into two divisions, one for those in high school or below on February 4, and the other for those out of high school but who have not reached their 25th birthday.

Many Awards

Similar awards will be made in each division. The first award in each will be \$200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$250) for expenses of attending the 44th International Convention in Portland, Oregon. Second awards will be \$100 in cash with third place winners receiving \$50. For the next six runners-up in the International finals in each division there will be prizes of \$25 each.

Christian Endeavor, church, and civic leaders will serve as judges with the citizenship superintendents of the unions and the regional vice-presidents arranging contest details.

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Name
 (Please Print)

Number and Street

City, Zone and State

Local Church
 (Denomination or Brotherhood)

Date of Birth

I am in high school or below ☐

I am out of high school but have not reached my 25th birthday ☐

I agree to observe the rules and conditions outlined in the contest folder ☐

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 (Signature of Entrant)

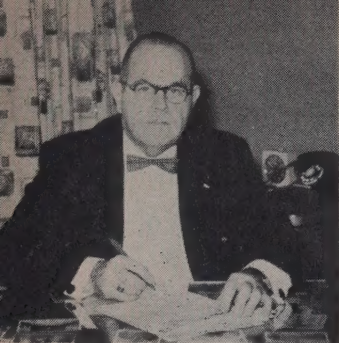
Winners will be determined by the merits of "A Letter to My Congressman" (or in Canada, "A Letter to My M.P.") on the subject, "I Speak for Christian Citizenship," and a Christian Citizenship Service Record of the individual.

Leaflets containing detailed information may be secured through state and provincial Christian Endeavor offices or from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Directors

Citizenship superintendents or directors of the various unions include the following:

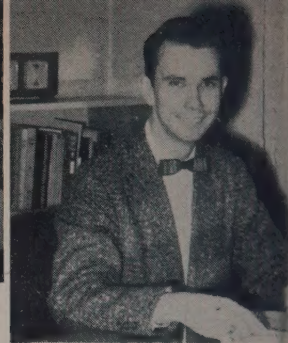
CALIFORNIA	Luther Bergman
COLORADO	Ruby Jenkins
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Harry S. Gibson
GOLDEN RULE	Clenzo Miles
ILLINOIS	Warren Parr
IOWA	Jeanette Vander Werff
KANSAS	Delbert Vaughn
KENTUCKY	Wilhelmina Reinhard
MARYLAND	George P. Williams
MICHIGAN	Barbara Kemerer
	Adrienne Griffin
NEW YORK	Kenneth M. Doxey, Jr.
NORTH CAROLINA	Mozelle Dick
OHIO	Donald Lautzenheiser
OREGON	Mrs. Nelle Milbrandt
PENNSYLVANIA	Paul H. Decker
TEXAS	Kurt Gustafson
VIRGINIA	Phyllis G. Brown
WEST VIRGINIA	Robert Henthorn
WISCONSIN	DeLoyd Hesselink
ONTARIO	Anne Smith



Harold E. Westerhoff



Headquarters associates are pictured as they meet on Monday morning in the Jones Room.



Robert C. Ross

From Christian Endeavor Headquarters

Best Wishes For 1957

ALL OF US greet you as you begin the new year. We look forward to great things for Christian Endeavor in 1957 as we all work together "for Christ and the Church."

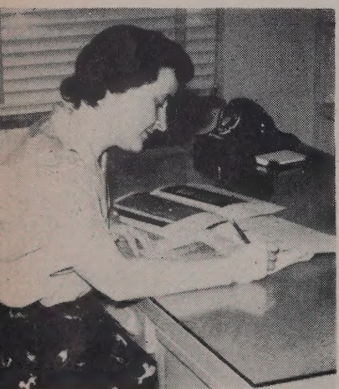
Each Monday morning as we meet in our Headquarters Society we shall remember you and the movement in our prayers. We ask that you include us and the work of Christian Endeavor in your prayers that we may serve you even better in 1957.



Mrs. Carl F. Herrmann



Artis M. Porter



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Christian Endeavor Day Worship Service

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1957

A service of worship for use in the local church Sunday, February 3, 1957, commemorating the 76th birthday anniversary of Christian Endeavor.

Prepared by
MRS. JOHN R. STROME, Devotional Superintendent
New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union

"Come, take up the cross, and follow me." Mark 10:21b

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE—"Adoration"

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—"Jesus Shall Reign" (Verses 1, 2, 4)
Watts

ALL TO WORSHIP—. . . The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever . . . And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

(Rev. 11:15b, 22:17)

HYMN—"There's a New Day Dawning" (Verses 1, 3) *Ackley*

RESPONSIVE READING—"Consider Your Call"*

TO CONFESS CHRIST (Quiet Music—"Jesus Calls Us," *Alexander*)

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men,
Him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

(Matthew 10:32)

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead,

Thou shalt be saved.

(Romans 10:9)

TO SERVE CHRIST (Quiet Music—"In the Garden," *Miles*)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,

Which is your reasonable service.

(Romans 12:1)

Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

(I Chronicles 29:5b)

Come, take up the cross, and follow me.

(Mark 10:21b)

TO LOYALTY TO CHRIST'S CHURCH (Quiet Music—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," *Dwight*)

I Paul . . . rejoice in my sufferings . . . the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake,
Which is the church.

(Colossians 1:23,24)

Jesus said, I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

(Matthew 16:18b)

We therefore labor "For Christ and the Church,"

TO FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST'S PEOPLE (Quiet Music—"Blest Be the Tie," *Fawcett*)

God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins,
Hath quickened us together with Christ, . . . and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

(Ephesians 2:4-6)

Our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ . . . If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another . . .
And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

(I John 1:3b,7)

HYMN—"Living for Jesus" (Verses 1, 2)

Chisholm

JANUARY, 1957



OFFERTORY—Instrumental Selection

A generous response is encouraged for the offering. Such offerings from coast to coast will be taken for the larger ministry of Christian Endeavor. Make it an expression of gratitude for all that Christian Endeavor has meant these many years. After this service the offering should be forwarded promptly to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

SCRIPTURE READING—I Timothy 4:11-16 *by an Endeavorer*

HYMN—"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" (Verses 1, 2, 3) *Smith*

UNISON PRAYER—Our gracious heavenly Father, we humbly and thankfully approach Thy throne. We recognize Thy Sovereignty over the Church and the lives of Thy followers. We thank Thee for this occasion, the 76th milestone in the movement which inaugurated into the life of Christ's Church, the development of the expressional life of its youth. We rejoice upon every remembrance of the countless host of youth of many lands, who have, through the ministry of Christian Endeavor, heard Christ's clarion call to service for His Church and Kingdom.

We thank Thee for the magnanimous lives of its founder and the leaders of Christian Endeavor, whose example of consecration to Christ and the Church interprets the meaning of Christ's words, ". . . come, take up the cross, and follow me."

As we close this anniversary week, we pray the youth of every land may be inspired anew by the challenge of our theme. Since "Christ Shall Reign" it is the call of wisdom to cast our lives in with the Victor. We dedicate our abilities, great or small, with these words:

"Constrained by Thy love, Christ Jesus we pray.

Master, show us the field for our lives in this day.

In the ministry, mission field, in church or in home,

Present us the challenge; we willingly come.

We would tell the glad message of Thy holy love.

So constraining our lives can but loyalty prove."

And this we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

TALKS BY ENDEAVORERS—"Christ Shall Reign"

The Challenge to Devotional Living: through the Quiet Hour, the Tenth Legion and as a Life-Work Recruit.

The Challenge to Active Service for Christ: through Evangelism, Christian Citizenship and Mission Work.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE—"Recruits Needed—Today!"

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PLEDGE—in unison:

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do. I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible, to support the work and worship of my church, and to take my part in the meetings and other activities of this society. I will seek to bring others to Christ, to give as I can for the spread of the Kingdom, to advance my country's welfare, and promote the Christian brotherhood of man. These things I will do unless hindered by conscientious reasons; and in them all I will seek the Saviour's guidance.

HYMN—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Verses 1, 2, 4) *Watts*

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE—"Hallelujah Chorus" *Handel*

*Note: If desired, the Responsive Reading may be read by two groups of Endeavorers, one on the platform and one at the back of the auditorium.

Delegates Register for Portland Convention

Registration Contest Begins January 1 ---
Unions Seek Honors in Effort to
Register Thousands of Youth

PLANNING FOR PORTLAND?

Many young people throughout North America will be asked that question in the days ahead as the registration campaign for the 44th International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13, gets under way with the beginning of the new year.

Registrars have been appointed for state and provincial unions and are organizing in their areas to sign up delegates for the big event in the City of Roses.

Scores of awards will be given to individuals and will go to societies and unions in the contest.

Unions to Compete for Honors

The state and provincial union contest will be divided into two divisions. The first report period will end January 31. Each month an award of \$10 will be given to the union in each division which makes the greatest percentage increase toward its minimum goal. Second place awards will also be made. The contest will close June 17 when those in leading positions will receive banners to be awarded at the convention. Positions in the Youth Witness Parade to be held Saturday, July 13, will be determined by the order in which unions finish in the contest.

District, county, and local unions will be given awards for registrations received. Societies and individuals may also compete for awards. The grand prize for individuals will be \$100 toward expenses of attending the International Convention or \$75 in cash. Many other prizes such as pencils, pins, pennants, and jackets will be given.

The registration fee is \$4.00 until June 30, when it will increase to \$5.

A complete bulletin on the registration contest may be secured through Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Oregon Is on the Job

The Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, host for the convention, is hav-

ing a registration campaign of its own. Mrs. Albert Kribs, vice-president of the local committee in charge of registrations, is directing the efforts to register thousands of Endeavorers in Oregon.

Frequent meetings of the Portland Committee are being held. Philip S. Hitchcock is heading this group which is making arrangements for the entertainment of the more than three thou-

sand delegates that are expected to attend.

The Heathman Hotels will be headquarters. Sessions will be held in the Public Auditorium, except for the huge Fellowship Banquet which is scheduled for the Masonic Temple.

Two tour groups will travel from the east to the convention. There will be many automobile caravans.



MAKING PLANS—Local leaders discuss convention arrangements with International officers. Pictured and Seated (left to right)—Harold E. Westerhoff, executive secretary, International; Rev. Earle W. Gate, president, International; and Philip S. Hitchcock, chairman, Portland Committee. Standing (left to right)—Timothy J. Kribs, president, Oregon Union; Rev. Walter M. Frutiger, associate chairman, Portland Committee.

Diamonds for the Diamond Jubilee

In these last weeks of the Diamond Jubilee celebration, marking the 75th anniversary of Christian Endeavor, the wife of World's Union President Dr. Daniel A. Poling urges Christian Endeavorers and friends of the movement to dedicate their diamonds for the Diamond Jubilee.

This letter went over Mrs. Poling's signature to hundreds of longtime Christian Endeavorers enrolled in the 25 and 50 year clubs during the Diamond Jubilee year.

This challenge is not only to long-timers. All of us may give diamonds for the Diamond Jubilee.

Send them by registered mail to the International Society.



Mrs. Daniel A. Poling

Lillian D. Poling
1221 EAST BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS 16, OHIO

Dear Christian Endeavorer:

Seventy-five years ago Francis and Mariet Clark organized the first Christian Endeavor Society. We are now celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the movement.

You and I, as young Endeavorers, reaped a harvest of benefits from the opportunities and activities of Christian Endeavor. Our Diamond Jubilee now gives us an OPPORTUNITY to help give today's youth the same training through "learning by doing."

You ask, "What can I do?"

1. You can give "Diamonds for the Diamond Jubilee." In almost every household there are diamonds and other articles of jewelry—gold and silver—no longer being used. Bring them out of hiding and contribute them to Christian Endeavor. Send them by registered mail to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.
2. You can remember Christian Endeavor by making a request in your will.
3. You can contribute to the Extension and Perpetuation Fund toward an endowment. The income from it will extend your interest and influence long years into the future.

Here is a folder that will interest you. Use its suggestions and then pass these suggestions on to others. Don't let this OPPORTUNITY go unanswered. The time is NOW. Young people need you and are looking to you.

Very sincerely yours,
Lillian D. Poling
(Mrs. Daniel A. Poling)

LEP:ln

Where Are You Going, Young Adults?



YOU could be *on the way* to our Young Adults' gathering . . . which offers Christian Fellowship, Discussion Periods, Fine Recreation, Leadership Training, and Opportunities to Serve Christ through our church.

Many Young Adults are headed our way . . . and we want you with us! This is *your* opportunity to be more active, more useful, in the life of church and community, if you are a Young Adult.

Who Are "Young Adults"?

Our group is composed of Christians who are . . . "young at the business of being adults."

While the Young Adult grouping is often classified as "ages 24 through 35," we like to think of our field as including all those who have —

Finished school

Become self-supporting

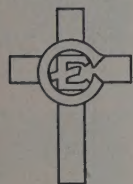
Reached voting age

Married

Left the parents' home

Served in the armed forces

Any one of these happenings may well qualify *you* to share gladly and usefully in a fellowship which has an important part in our church life and progress . . . and offers each member opportunities to grow in devotional life, Christian comradeship, and Christian service.



GO WITH THE YOUNG ADULTS toward finer fellowship and resultful Christian living and service. You'll be glad you accepted this invitation!

What Does Our Group DO?

- We emphasize throughout our program the four principles proposed by the Christian Endeavor international, interracial and interdenominational movement: Confession of Christ, Service for Christ, Loyalty to Christ's Church, Fellowship with Christ's People.

- At periodic meetings we participate individually and as a fellowship of Christians in: devotional programs, discussion of subjects of interest and concern to Young Adults, adoption of plans of action growing from our discussions, and on some occasions, special events involving guest speakers. Usually Young Adults of our own group are in charge of the entire program, counseled by the pastor or other adults of the church.

- We are organized to serve! Officers and committees lead projects in service to our church . . . such as sponsoring and aiding Christian Endeavor and other programs for younger persons, aiding in hobby and special interest projects, assisting church officers, promoting missionary education, assisting in recreational events, initiating and leading in projects of civic betterment and good citizenship.

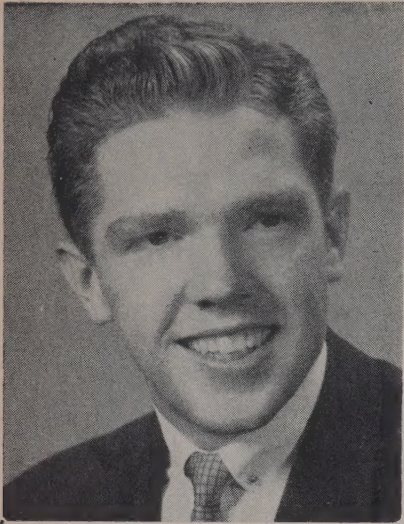
- Young Adults are in training for Christian leadership . . . learning by doing!

Young Adult WORKSHOP

Here is bulletin-board material, which you may use in promoting your Young Adult unit. Cut off this explanatory material and mount the boxed copy on cardboard.

You may then add hand-printed lines below our box, to identify your group, announce when and where it meets, and advertise specific programs.

—B.H.D.



Let's Mobilize!

So says Bill Lewis, popular Christian Endeavor leader from Philadelphia.

YOU CAN HELP—

- Stem the rising tide of juvenile delinquency.
- Win boys and girls to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Participate in the CHRIST SHALL REIGN PROGRAM. Win youth to Christ and train them in Christian service.

You May Become

- An Annual Member at \$10
- A Sustaining Member at \$25
- An Annual Member with doubling at \$20

Send your membership today

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
1221 East Broad St., Columbus 16, Ohio

INVEST IN YOUTH

Young People Get Set for Christian Endeavor Week

Christian Endeavorers will celebrate the 76th birthday of the movement by marking Christian Endeavor Week from January 27 to February 3, 1957.

"Consider Your Call" is the theme for the week when programs of societies and unions across North America will emphasize that "Christ Shall Reign."

A packet containing 25 items to be used in preparing for the activities of the week is available.

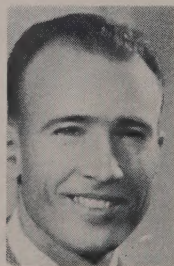
Among the materials in the packet is a manual containing suggestions for the celebration, information about special projects and publicity, and an outline for a Consecration Meeting. This has been prepared by Rev. Robert Hess, field secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union.

Also in the packet is a service of worship for use in the local church on Christian Endeavor Day, February 3. Mrs. John R. Strome of Berlin, Maryland, who has served as Devotional Superintendent of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union for a number of years, is the writer.

Many television and radio programs are planned for Christian Endeavor Week. Young people will use the radio "Youth Scripts" which have been prepared by Amy Deck Faust and the television program, "Consider Your Call," written by Orris Lee Doty. Mrs. Faust writes the audio-visual column which appears in *The World* regularly. Mr. Doty is a student at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. His script was chosen in a competition in a television class taught by Dr. Alfred R. Edyvean. These radio and television scripts are included in the packet.

Parties, too, will be a part of the birthday celebration and Nathalie Nyhuis outline for a "Christian Endeavor Birthday Cruise" (also in the packet) will be used by many youth. Miss Nyhuis is Recreation Superintendent of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union.

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Rev. Robert Hess

They Wrote Materials For 1957 Celebration



Orris L. Doty



Mrs. Harold Faust



Mrs. John Strome



Nathalie Nyhuis

Don't Do It Yourself

by Amy Deck Faust

With all of the emphasis that there is on doing it yourself, it seems as though it would be good advice to apply "do it" tactics here. The doing of audio-visuals is all right, but it's far from wise to plan on doing too much of it yourself.

Let's look at the audio-visual opportunities in the way that a specialist would examine the work. We could draw up a "job analysis." If it is done right we'll find that the audio-visual technique is but a tool for teaching or entertainment purposes. A film is not good or evil in itself. The film is a little strip of fabric coated with emulsion and run through a machine that has neither mind or morals. The person who makes the picture, projects the program, and views the material is affected for good or evil by the tool, but he or someone else also created the tool to begin with. The film and the projector have no more mind or morals than has a piece of chalk, a strip of flannelgraph sky, or a pencil.

This means that we have some responsibility, as moral agents, for what is put on film or what is put into any audio-visual program that we use. Radio, television, films, pictures, books, magazines, maps, flannelgraph, and all other similar tools are the "gadgets" or materials with which an idea is furthered or hindered. We use them to pass on the idea.

This means that to begin with there must be someone with an idea. We hope that the idea is good. We hope that it's sound, moral, beautiful, and uplifting. But just the idea is not enough. There must be minds employed in the entire planning process, and then one or more writers must produce a script.

Many Helpers Needed

It is in the script writing that local production is weakest. Many people will have ideas and a pooling of ideas is fine, but someone has to do the "horrible task" of sitting at a typewriter and getting the idea in script form. This can not often be done well by just one mind planning, the same mind writing, the same one doing the technical work, and the same one carrying promotion and everything else. "Do it," we say, "but don't try to do it alone."

Now if a film, filmstrip, record, or slide set is used with a script already prepared, or if a radio or television program is serving the purpose, the task of script writing locally is almost eliminated. However, there is still much to be done.

Tools for audio-visuals are somewhat technical. These tools are not too difficult for the average person to handle, but they differ from one manufacturer to another. This means that someone trained to run a projector, tape-recorder, or slide projector must be found.

There is an art to the way a screen is set, the placement of chairs, the darkening and ventilation of a room. Help is needed for all such tasks. Even the order in which the lights are switched from light to darkness, and from the darkness back to light, will make a difference.

Would you like to see an audio-visual program succeed? Then do it with the help of many others, each assigned to a job and each prepared to follow through.

Use Audio-Visuals Well

It should be remembered that there is as much value to the preparation before using an audio-visual tool as there is in using the tool. Many an excellent film fails in its purpose because it is not introduced and *used*. There is a world of difference between "squinting a film" on the screen, or "slapping a flannelgraph" together and in *using* these aids.

Properly speaking, a film is not shown; it is used. We do not go to church to show a "movie." We go to worship, study, or find recreation. Audio-visuals may be used to help us achieve this purpose, but they are tools. They must be suited to the purpose. They must be used well. There should be adequate preparation and presentation. There must be a "follow-up."

The surest way to fail to use audio-visuals well is to try to do everything yourself. There are so many tools, and the potential is so great that many hands, hearts, heads and prayers are needed in this work. Do the work, but not alone.

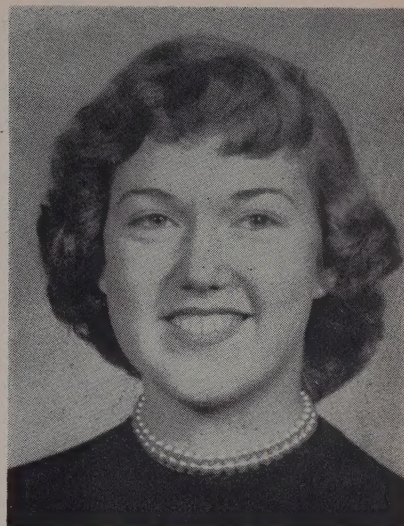
Southern Region Meets

The fall open board meeting of the Southern Region was held at Assembly Inn, Montreat, North Carolina, October 12-14.

Elizabeth M. McKnight, regional vice-president, presided at business sessions. A study class on the Christian Endeavor Pledge was led by Peggie Harmon, field secretary of Tennessee. Phyllis G. Brown, International vice-president, presented the work of Christian Endeavor at large.

A budget was adopted for the region and ideas were exchanged by the states on extension, publicity, finances and field work. Twenty-five were present from Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

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FEBRUARY 2

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

Briefing the Leader

1. Write down five things that you know could happen to you if this topic became a reality in your own life.
2. Keep in mind it is the 76th birthday of Christian Endeavor.
3. Make this one of the most attractive meetings for it is Christian Endeavor Sunday. Try to reach every member.

Biblical References

We have three references for careful consideration: Matthew 6:24-34; Revelation 11:15; and Isaiah 45:22, 23. If Christ is to reign through me there cannot be divided loyalty. In Matthew's account we have the full story. The account does not read "We must not" or "We should not," but "We cannot!" People have tried to serve two masters. They discover that it cannot be done, never could be done, and will never be done.

We are encouraged to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and we are promised that all things will be added unto us. When we seek first His righteousness and make His cause our real concern, this is a good sign that He is reigning in us.

Isaiah, the prophet, magnified God. He said there is no other God and if we look to Him salvation is secured. "Unto Him shall men of distant nations come," to implore His favor. Blessed be God for the assurance here given us that "the Lord will reign forever."

In Revelation 11:15 we see the loyal and joyful acclamation of the saints and angels in heaven. Observe the manner of their adoration. They thankfully recognize the right of our God and Saviour to rule and reign over all the world. They rejoice that His reign shall never end. "He shall reign forever and forever." Christ shall reign, and He wants to reign in me.

Basic Material

Today we consider the second topic in the unit, "Christian Endeavor Week—Youth Week." We shall consider "Christ Shall Reign through Me."

It is an exciting thought that Christ Jesus shall reign in my heart and life. We receive our marching orders from Him. He bids the Church to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. The power of heaven is at her disposal. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," declared our Lord; He shall reign.

1. Christ shall reign through my evangelism.

Before one becomes a channel of evangelism he must become a follower of Jesus Christ. He must understand through personal experience what evangelism truly is. The first and all important step in commitment is a personal

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does one know for himself when Christ is reigning in his life?
2. What part can youth organizations within the church play in the field of evangelism?
3. What can we do to train others for citizenship?
4. What would you consider some of the requirements for leadership within the church and within the community?
5. Is your society producing leaders?

acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. "As many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the Sons of God." Since we have received Him and confessed and forsaken our sins, this acceptance makes us a child of the King. Now we are ready to evangelize.

Personal evangelism is one man seeking another man with the primary purpose of leading him to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. My part in evangelism is to so present Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord that young people everywhere shall come to know Him, whom to know aright is life eternal.

The message of the Church is the same today as when it began its militant career. It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Recall some of the sentences which utter the central and recurring theme of apostle and disciple. "In none other is there salvation." "Through His name every one that believeth on Him shall receive remission of sins." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Jesus Christ is the only adequate evangel for our present day.

2. Christ shall reign through my citizenship.

We start with the home. When Christ reigns, home relations are right. The children have proper respect and love for the parents and the parents will always endeavor to be a good example of the grace of God before them, and not provoke their children to wrath. Our citizenship in the church is dependent upon our citizenship in the home. The constant reading of the Word of God forms the

basis for good citizenship. As citizens we have responsibilities that are very weighty. We have a part in choosing the leadership in government. If we are old enough to vote, we should take that responsibility seriously. We want good men in office, honest and upright men, yea, godly men. We should also pray for these leaders as they seek to lead the people. In a letter to second grade students who asked how they could be better citizens Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote, "A full and complete letter on how to become better citizens would require many hours of preparation and composition. I can only make one brief suggestion, tackle every task every day as if it were the most important of your life." No office in the land is more important than that of being a citizen.

3. Christ shall reign through my leadership.

Christian Endeavor trains for leadership. Leaders come up from the crowd. The Church always stands in need of good leadership. Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

Leaders must grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. If we fail to grow we become stagnant. To continue growing calls for strong spiritual meat and exercise.

God had the world in mind when Christ died upon the cross. Throughout the world Christ has many friends. If there is to be genuine world friendship it must come about through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Christ shall reign through my evangelism, my citizenship, and through my leadership.

Backing the Project

1. Organize a class on Personal Evangelism and secure an interesting and competent teacher for the class.
2. Secure sufficient leaders to organize a visitation campaign throughout your community in an endeavor to enlist new members for your Christian Endeavor societies.
3. Enlist the interest of one of your very fine civic-minded leaders to speak to your society on the needs of community leadership.

Best Illustrations

The story is told of Saint Gaudens that before he began to sculpture the statue of Phillips Brooks, which now stands in front of Trinity Church, Boston, he determined to discover the genius of the man and the secret of his character and of his life. He was led to study the New Testament for the first time. Thus he came face to face with Jesus as portrayed there. In the glory of this discovery he said, "He can have all of me, if He wants me."

"The miracle of transformed lives is the living evidence of the Gospel's power."

"The religion of Christ reaches and changes the heart, which no other religion does."

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FEBRUARY 3



Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Make Christian Endeavor Day a Memorable One

Christian Endeavor Day, February 3, will be a significant one in your church if you have made adequate preparation. All the youth groups will be sharing in the programs the day, the 76th anniversary of the first society of Christian Endeavor in Portland, Maine. Invite to the service young people who have never made a commitment to Christ, the King. Make the service a subject of prayer in private devotions as well as in society meetings.

Start the service with a bugle call, followed by a call from the leader to join in the crowning of Jesus as King. Write the Scripture on a roll and have it read as a court order to proceed to make Jesus King.

Sing great missionary and evangelistic hymns. Distribute paper and let each Christian Endeavorer write five suggestions on how Christ Could Reign through My Life.

Christ Can Reign Now

Personal Surrender Comes First. The world will not permit Christ to reign until we personally surrender to Him. "The soul reform is the reform of the soul." All that we are, with every intention, desire, ideal and motive, everything must be consecrated to Christ, if He is really to be King. Have we done this? It is then an act of the will guided by the knowledge that such a surrender is essential and fired with the passion that Christ Himself possessed. In this topic we remember how Christ prayed and surrendered Himself completely to the will of God. Shall we not follow His example?

A Passion for Men. We make Christ King by making men His subjects. There must be enthusiastic fire in our lives for those who do not acknowledge Christ as King. Have we ever won a person to Christ? Have we ever talked to anyone about their soul's relationship to the Master? Christ is not King in our lives until this passion is ours; He cannot be King of other lives until the result of this passion in our lives is felt.

Christ Reigns through My Citizenship

In My Home. In outward appearances we may seem to make Christ King of our lives. But how apparent is this in our home? Do the rest of the members of our family believe that Christ is actually King of our lives, or does our religion make everyone else happy? In the places where the rugged and seamy side of life appears, where it is often easier to be unkind, short,ughty, un-Christian, is Christ King there?

In My School. Is it right that efforts could be made to make Christ King in every other field of human endeavor and leave out

OUR AIMS

1. To climax Christian Endeavor Week with a triumphant service.
2. To consider Christian Endeavor's biennial theme, "Christ Shall Reign."
3. To understand our evangelistic, citizenship, and leadership tasks.

QUESTIONS

1. Do you think that Jesus is the supreme King of any life?
2. Is conversion any different than making Jesus King?
3. Are there Christians who have not made Jesus King?
4. Should the church be active in making Jesus reign in industry, commerce, politics, etc.?
5. Do you think that Jesus will ever reign over all human activity?
6. What right has Jesus to seek the Kingship of the world?
7. What do you think the world would be like if Jesus were King?

the school on the excuse of teaching the tenets of some denomination? Christ is greater than any denomination. Should He not control the school? Should He not reign in my actions there?

In My World. This world is the world in which I live. I cannot leave the responsibility of world betterment to politicians or statesmen; there are some things which I must do. I can do much to make Christ the King of the world which affects me. If I have opportunity to touch men some distance from me, I can help to make Christ King there; if that opportunity comes only in connection with those in my own community, then there is my field to make Christ reign.

Christ Reigns through My Leadership

Christ must shine forth through me. He is able to guide us into avenues of strength and leadership. After consecration to Him we can expect Him to shove us into larger responsibilities.

Here collect the lists made earlier and discuss practical ways Christian Endeavorers can take leadership to help Christ reign now and

here. As much time as is available can be used to read the lists and discuss them.

Christ Reigns by Example

Lawrence of Arabia once made the observation that no man could be the leader of the Arabians unless "he ate the food of the ranks, wore the same type of clothes, slept in their tents, lived as they did, and yet was a better man than they." The same standard could apply to Jesus. He lived with and among men and their trials and temptations, and still proved Himself by example to be superior to them. Jesus is Lord because He withstood the test of the world. See Matthew 4:1-11.

Christ Reigns by Love

A small girl, carrying a large baby, was stopped by a stranger who said, "Surely, child, that baby is too heavy for you." But she replied: "Oh, no, sir! He is my brother."

How like Christ that is! His love for mankind was so great that He was led by it to take all the sins of the world upon Himself and destroy them upon His cross. His love was so complete that He could condemn the sin while comforting the sinner. In perfect love did Christ die for you. See Romans 8:31-39.

Christ Reigns in Service

One of the most revealing accounts in the New Testament concerns the time when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. For three years they had followed Him as their Lord, ever drinking in the continual, glorious personality of Him who had called them. Then, on the last night, even before they ate, Jesus took a towel and a basin of water and washed their feet. The Master was showing, through humble service, the way to true lordship. See Mark 10:43-45; John 13:1-5.

Christ Reigns through Teaching

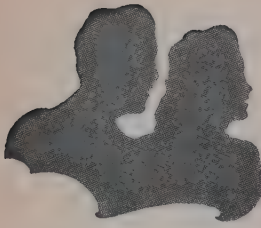
Jesus was the Master Teacher. In three short years He so well laid the foundations of His thinking before the people, and particularly in the hearts and minds of twelve men, that today half the world calls Him Lord. Yet He never had a classroom, and we do not know that He gave prepared lectures. But He was the Master Teacher, because He expressed truth through His own perfect personality in such a way that men have ever confessed that truth and desired to follow Him. See Mark 1:21-28.

Christ Reigns When We're Loyal to Christian Endeavor

On this birthday of Christian Endeavor we appreciate anew how Christ has been permitted to enter the lives of millions through one movement. When we realize all that Christian Endeavor has done for Christ, for the Church, and for young people, we must agree that our debt to this organization is indeed great. We can never repay it, but we can show our appreciation by helping the work along.

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Challenges for the Strong

No. 1 in a Series: "How Jesus Teaches"
Luke 12:22-30

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 1

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart Briefing the Leader

1. Read the portion of Scripture suggested for this topic and meditate upon it until you come upon some new and sparkling truth.

2. For the strengthening of your own heart, make a list of those who are pillars of spiritual strength in your own congregation and try to compute their real value to the church.

3. On self-examination, what have you done the past two weeks for Christ and His Church? Do you dream and drift, or dare and do?

Biblical References

We have our reference for our reflection, Luke 12:22-30. Jesus Christ is urging His disciples to trust in God and lay up heavenly treasures. He said to His disciples that earthly riches are not satisfying and are often fatal to man's highest interest. He warned them not to make their physical and temporal wants the special objects of thought and care. The Lord does not condemn foresight, industry, and diligence, but He does condemn those questions and that concern which imply distrust and unbelief in our heavenly Father.

The truly strong and courageous are those who have implicit faith in God. They know that He who gave life will sustain it. He who made the body will clothe it and provide for it.

Jesus draws an illustration from God's care for the inferior creation, first in regard to food, verses 24-26, and second in regard to raiment, verses 27,28. He shows that He who cares for the birds and the flowers will most assuredly provide for His intelligent creatures, especially the ones who name His name and walk in His way, His children.

Why are we anxious? We should exercise a calm hopefulness and trust in God. To be anxious is heathenish and dishonoring to God.

Having shown what we should not do, He shows what we should do—seek the kingdom of God, make it our one great object of pursuit; make all things subordinate to this; and thus, whatever we do, do all to the glory of God.

Those people who implicitly trust God and lean heavily upon His arm of strength are the spiritual giants of our day. They are pillars of strength. They deposit something into the lives of others. They stand out as though on a mountain peak, shining like lights in the midnight darkness.

Basic Material

We have three topics under the unit head, "How Jesus Teaches." Today our attention is directed to "Challenges for the Strong." The world has in it many dreamers. We need people who dream dreams of greater things. Many times the dreamer's dream gets into the blood stream of a "dare and do" type soul and before your very eyes something develops.

Vision is the Aladdin's lamp of the soul. It is the divine spark that lights the lamp of progress. Vision gave wings to man, pulled atomic energy from the sun, subdued the forces of

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Does Charles Kingsley have anything to say to us today in these words: "Do noble things, not dream them all day long, and so make life, death, and the vast forever one grand, sweet song?"

2. Who are some of the strong leaders within the ranks of your own denomination?

3. What would you consider to be the ingredients of strong leadership within the church today?

4. What steps should we take to encourage leadership on the part of young people today?

nature. It was the very thing that helped Glenn Cunningham determine to walk, after his doctor told him that he might never walk again. He became one of the great runners in the United States. It was the thing that kept Alec Templeton at the piano even though he was blind. It was the very thing that made Demosthenes go to the shore and speak to the waves with pebbles in his mouth. Thus the stammerer became the great Demosthenes.

God does challenge the strong. The church has had many strong leaders and today there are many within His courts who are pillars of spiritual strength. Let's tap the wells of history and see what we can consider.

1. *Let's think about John Bunyan.*

John Bunyan, the immortal dreamer, possessed the imaginative faculty to such a degree that some historians have accorded to him the high honor of being the most original thinker of the 17th century. He wrote "Pilgrim's Progress," one of the greatest pieces of creative genius in the whole realm of literature.

He was born in Elstow, a village near Bedford, England, in the year 1628. He was not only an idle boy, but he was a cursing, swearing, and blaspheming boy, and for wickedness he had few equals of his own age. But Bunyan came under the power of the Gospel and was soundly converted to Jesus Christ. In 1660 he was thrust into prison where he stayed for 12 years. When at last he was set free to preach, pray and exhort anywhere and at any time, thousands flocked to hear him and multitudes trusted Jesus. He was numbered among the spiritual giants of God. All that he had he gave to God and God used him

to glorify His name and advance His cause. John Bunyan accepted the challenge and became strong in carrying it out.

2. *Let's think about St. Francis of Assisi.*

The life of Francis Bernardone, better known as St. Francis of Assisi, falls like a stream of light upon the darkness of the middle ages. He was a strong leader and stands out in history, calling men back to Christ and bringing Christ back to men. One of his biographers said, "Since Christ died upon the cross, the world has produced only one genuine Christian, and his name is Francis of Assisi."

Here was a strong leader who gave life to the poor and renounced the luxuries of life forever. He died at 44 years of age. His last prayer was a request that God would grant him two graces before he died: the first, "That I may feel in my soul, and in my body, as far as may be, the pain that Thy sweet Lord, didst bear in the hours of Thy most bitter passion"; the second, "That I may feel in my heart, as far as may be, that exceeding love wherewith Thou, O Son of God, didst willingly endure such agony for us sinners." God answered this faithful servant's prayer. St. Francis accepted the challenge of the Almighty and pushed forward in all his strength to do a job for Christ.

3. *Let's think about Michael Faraday.*

He was considered one of the greatest scientists that ever lived. Michael Faraday was a professor of chemistry, a natural philosopher, a distinguished scientist, a great scholar, a fine lecturer, and a master discoverer. But I was something better than all these put together, he was a genuine Christian, a man of deep piety and a student of the Word of God. He was also a very acceptable preacher of the Gospel. When about to die his friends said to him, "What are your speculations now?" "Speculations!" he exclaimed, "I have none. I am resting on certainties." He was a pillar of spiritual strength. He was a strong leader. He accepted challenges and this made him strong.

Backing the Project

1. Organize a leadership class which will help each one to spot leaders from within the congregation and give them direction, bringing them into a place of leadership within the church.

2. Prepare a special "Do Sheet" to determine the things young people want to do within the church. When completed have each sheet studied carefully with the ultimate purpose of finding strong leadership for the church.

Best Illustration

Hugh Miller, while working hard as a stone mason, found the time to read scientific books and write down the lessons learned from the blocks of stone he handled.

Many of the greatest men of history earned their fame outside of their regular occupation in odd bits of time which most people squander.

From The Book of Books

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| M., Feb. | 4. | In Battle for the Lord. | II Samuel 10:9-14. |
| T., Feb. | 5. | God Challenges Job. | Job 40:1-7. |
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| F., Feb. | 8. | A Source of Strength. | Ephesians 6:10-17. |
| S., Feb. | 9. | Strength Restored. | Isaiah 40:29-31. |
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Christians Are Color Blind

I Corinthians 12:12,13; Galatians 3:28; Acts 10:34,35



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 10

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Worship

Prelude—*In Christ There Is No East or West.*

Call to Worship:

Father, when will we discover
Human souls are all the same—
Color doesn't go heart deep
And skin is just a picture frame?
—Ruth Frances. Source Unknown.

Hymns—*In Christ There Is No East or West, Jesus Shall Reign.*

Invocation.

Hymn—*Teach Us, O Lord, True Brotherhood.*

Scripture—Acts 8:26-38.

Sentence Prayers.

Story, "Color Blind." (Excellent for tonight's meeting. This may be found in "Lamps For Worship" by Sue R. Griffiths. Standard Publishing Foundation.)

Quartet—*These Things Shall Be—A Loftier Race.*

Offering.

Topic Discussion.

Closing Hymn—*We Thank Thee, Lord, Thy Paths of Service Lead.*

Benediction.

A Look at Our Prejudices

How have we Christians and people in a democracy become color blind? Where have we gotten the ideas in racial relations that—"If a Negro moves into the neighborhood, property values go down."

"Negroes are lazy and shiftless, you can't depend on them . . . of course, there are some exceptions."

"Pay a Negro as much as a white man and he will get big ideas."

"I have nothing against Negroes, one of my friends is a Negro, but—"

"Negroes are all right as long as they keep in their place."

When we hear a person make one of these statements we can close a fruitless argument by stating simply but firmly, "You are prejudiced against Negroes." This is true whether the statement is made by a respected businessman, a friend of ours, or ourselves. However, it is very probable this prejudice is unconscious and unwanted. Our problem is conscientiously to reduce prejudices by facing them and understanding what caused them.

Prejudice is not inherited. It is not inborn. Prejudice is learned. Psychologists know the young child is not prejudiced until he has been subjected to cultural influences.

OUR AIMS

1. To properly observe Race Relations Sunday.
2. To look at our racial prejudices.
3. To work and teach toward the day when the statement of this topic is actually true: that Christians do not let color blind them in any or all relationships.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the Christian attitude toward prejudice?
2. What can you do to remove the causes of prejudice and to build right attitudes among groups?
3. Do people of different races belong to your church and Christian Endeavor? If not, why not?
4. Is this statement true: "The church should be the leading group in the attack on racial prejudice. Instead it is lagging behind many secular organizations."

Segregation Has Made Us Prejudiced

Segregation is the cornerstone of racial prejudice in America. It separates racial groups on artificial grounds and keeps different races apart from knowing and understanding each other.

If we would serve Christ, we must search out effective means for ending segregation in the church and in the nation. We might start by asking our parents and pastors what can be done in our community.

Some progress has already been made in combating America's number one disease. The Supreme Court's non-segregation decision has thrown a bombshell into many communities, especially in regard to public schools. (Bring reports on these situations from newspapers and magazines.) In general, the federal government, through its employment practices, has done much to aid the cause of the Negro and democracy. Labor unions have cut the ground out from under the color line by abolishing discrimination and advocating equal opportunities for all races.

Big league baseball, college athletics, and professional and amateur sports have set excellent examples of intelligent, interracial cooperation.

From The Book of Books

- M., Feb. 4. Jesus Ignores Racial Division. John 4:7-9.
- T., Feb. 5. Peter Overcomes Racial Prejudice. Acts 10:28, 29.
- W., Feb. 6. A Jew and an Ethiopian. Acts 8:26-39.
- T., Feb. 7. All One Family. Malachi 2:8-10.
- F., Feb. 8. God Has No National Bounds. Acts 10:34, 35, 45.
- S., Feb. 9. "All Nations." Matthew 28:18-20.
- Sun., Feb. 10. Topic—Christians Are Color Blind. I Corinthians 12:12, 13; Galatians 3:28; Acts 10:34, 35.

Now the church must take seriously its responsibility. We young people have not only the right to expect, but also the responsibility to see to it that Christian Endeavor is free of racial prejudices. There will never be true Christian fellowship in our so-called Christian nation while churches great and small, dedicated to Christ, deny either by deliberate policy or social subterfuge, membership and fellowship to men of all races.

The Bible Offers Guidance

Acts 17:26 states, "He hath made of one blood all the nations of the earth," and Acts 10:34, "God is not a respecter of persons." We have been given the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." All the world includes everyone.

These and many other scriptural passages emphasize the equality of all people in the sight of God and remind us of our responsibility for the welfare of our neighbors, regardless of their race or color. It's not a question of simply tolerating our fellow men. We must go a step further and actively demonstrate Christian beliefs in our actions.

There Is Room for All

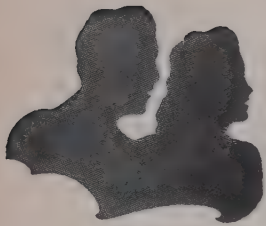
What if God had made all the flowers in the world just alike? Just suppose He had stopped when He created the dandelion and had never bothered to make roses, violets, sunflowers, and all the rest. Then what if He had made the grass and trees and everything else the same yellow as the dandelion? Wouldn't that be awful?

Have you heard the story of the little boy who was given one wish and used it to wish that everything he ate would taste like ice cream, or the older story of King Midas who asked that everything he touched might turn to gold? Life that was all ice cream or gold became not only disagreeable but terrible. Certainly when God blessed us with endless variety of life, He knew best.

God was wise enough to make all kinds of people—colors, shapes, and sizes. He knew that was the way it had to be if life is to be beautiful for men. How awful it would be if everybody was just like me—or you. For our own happiness we must bring all the variety possible into our everyday life.

Something to Remember

It is said that the Duke of Wellington, who defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo, one day entered into a small chapel for prayer. A private, worshipping there, saw the Duke enter and came to attention with hand raised in salute. "As you were," said the Duke, "There is no distinction of rank before the cross." There is the answer—differences disappear when we stand before the Cross.



Truth for Those Who Seek

No. 2 in a Series: "How Jesus Teaches"

John 15:8-12; Psalm 66:16

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 1

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart

Briefing the Leader

1. For your own interest write about 200 words on the theme, "The Truth that Has Blessed My Life." This should be the one truth that means the most to you.

2. Check a concordance on the words love, forgiveness, and eternal life. Study about 10 verses on each truth. Your pastor has a concordance.

3. Check each member of your society to discover the truth that is outstanding among the members of your group.

Biblical References

Our attention is focused upon two references, John 15:8-12 and Psalm 66:16. It is very simple to comprehend that the more fruit we bring forth, the more we abound in that which is good and the more Jesus Christ is glorified. The best life that a man can live in this world is the life of faith in the Son of God. Without Jesus Christ there is no such thing as bringing forth fruit to please God. Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing."

As His followers, the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). We are also admonished by Christ to continue in His love (John 15:9). Jude tells us to keep ourselves in the love of God (Jude 21). The disciples knew the going would not be easy. They expected persecution and problems, but they would recall the words of their Master, "Continue in my love."

The second reference is from Psalm 66:16. Here is a man who seeks to praise God. Hear David say, "I will pay Thee my vows." It is very common, when we are under the pressure of any affliction or in pursuit of any mercy, to make vows and solemnly speak them before the Lord. David now declares He will carry out all his lips had spoken. Then he praises God by a conscientious performance of his vows.

Basic Material

This is the second topic in the unit, "How Jesus Teaches." Today we consider, "Truth for Those Who Seek." To speak of Jesus Christ as a teacher does not belittle Him, nor need it obscure His unique work of redemption or His unique personality as the Son of God. With Nathaniel we can call Jesus "Rabbi," and in the same breath we can call Him the Son of God (John 1:49). There is no conflict here, for God Himself is our teacher, and the universe is His school room and laboratory.

Was there any place where Jesus did not teach? See Him sitting on a well curb teaching the woman of Samaria the greatest lesson of her life. From a boat He taught the multitudes who followed Him to the seashore from all over Galilee. He taught in the village streets where children were at play, and along the open road on long walks with His friends

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. In what way does love for God and love for people help us to carry on our work for Christ and His Church?

2. What is your viewpoint on the Scripture verse, Proverbs 10:12, "Love covereth all sins"?

3. When we forgive one who has wronged us, why is it difficult to forget? Why is it so easy to say, "Yes, I forgive you," and then keep on remembering the incident? Is it possible to forgive and forget? Does God forgive and forget or does He remember it against us forever?

4. Can we know now that our sins have been forgiven?

5. Who are the receivers of eternal life? Can we have assurance now that eternal life is ours?

and pupils. He taught sitting at the banquet tables of rich Pharisees and outcast publicans. Even in the midst of His enemies He still was a great teacher and He asked them such searching questions that they had to face the truth against their will.

It appears that the following objectives are made clear when one studies the teachings of Jesus:

1. *He deeply desired that His disciples trust God and love Him as their Father.*

He repeatedly spoke to His disciples about God as a Father and admonished them to put their complete trust in Him. He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." He said to Peter, "Simon, lovest thou Me more than these?" When we love Him, then we have a strong desire to serve Him. Tell someone the depth of your love and he will be able to tell you the measure of your usefulness.

2. *He taught men by life situations that there was forgiveness within reach of all.*

In John 8 we see Jesus, a woman who committed the social crime of her day, and the Scribes and the Pharisees. The Scribes and the Pharisees were ready to carry out the law of Moses and stone the woman, but they ought for the opinion of Jesus. Jesus said of them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast the stone at her." But His hearers, who were so interested in stoning a

woman who had fallen by the wayside, now walked away, one by one, convicted by their own conscience. And we read, "Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst." He said to her, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?" She said, "No man, Lord," and Jesus said unto her, "Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more." Truly this is a life situation. One thing is clear, there is forgiveness for all our sin when it is acknowledged before the Lord God.

The Psalmist said, "Thou art good and ready to forgive" (Psalm 86:5). Jesus cried from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." John wrote "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). So when one owns his sin before God, he is assured of forgiveness.

3. *Jesus also taught that eternal life belonged to those who received Him and followed Him.*

Jesus said, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). "I am come that they might have life" (John 10:10). Today we can hear His voice, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). The Psalmist looked to that brighter day when he wrote, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psalm 23:6). Eternal life will be life in the most perfect existence, life in its fullest enjoyment, life in its eternal duration. It will consist of perfect knowledge, perfect love, perfect purity.

The righteous are the persons who are to enjoy eternal life. They have been stripped of their own righteousness which was nothing but filthy rags and are now clad in the garments of His righteousness. Paul tells us that Jesus Christ is made unto us righteousness. To enter into eternal life, we must know beyond the shadow of a doubt that we have been with Jesus and that we belong to Him. We must be more than believers, we must be disciples.

Backing the Project

1. Make a thorough study of the Word of God as it touches upon forgiveness and endeavor by the grace of God to put into practice the great truths you have discovered.

2. Out of love for the unchurched and in different, do all in your power to win them for Christ. Start this week.

3. Interview about five people to discover their views on eternal life.

Best Illustrations

"The way to love anything is to realize it might be lost."

"Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it." - Mark Twain

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." - Jesus Christ.

From God's Book

- M., Feb. 11. Seek God's Kingdom First. Matthew 6:25-33.
- T., Feb. 12. Search the Scriptures Daily. Acts 17:10-12.
- W., Feb. 13. A Promise to Seekers. Matthew 7:7, 8.
- T., Feb. 14. A Time to Seek. Isaiah 55:6, 7.
- F., Feb. 15. Gentle Seekers. John 12:20-22.
- S., Feb. 16. Daniel's Mode of Seeking. Daniel 9:3, 4.
- Sun., Feb. 17. Topic—Truth for Those Who Seek. John 15:8-12; Psalm 66:16.

He's My Neighbor

Luke 10:29-37



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 17

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

The Bible on "My Brother"

Anyone who undertook to read the Bible through would get no further than the fourth chapter of Genesis before he would be confronted with a pointed question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Nor would he be free from it in some form or other until the last page had been read. He would find Jesus setting the love of neighbor as the second great commandment and answering the question, "Who is thy neighbor?" by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. He would find the writer of James in the very last pages of the Bible concluding, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction." The Bible not only raises the question; it is never free from trying to find a more complete answer.

Three Kinds of Neighborliness

Read and re-read our Scripture passage for this topic. Try to see how and why the Samaritan became his brother's neighbor. We believe there are three distinctive marks of this Samaritan kind of neighborliness.

First, the Samaritan *looked* at the need. The others were careful to walk on the other side as though the needy man was not there.

Second, he *identified* himself with that need. His was no sentimentality or a wave of feeling without action. These two the Samaritan clearly did.

But there was a third. When he had performed his function and given the man the means of healing, he *departed*. That's important.

The story might have had other endings. He might have said, "Now I've done you a favor, I want you to do me one." He might even have prolonged the dependency. It's simple but significant that when he had done all he could to restore, he left.

Neighbors in Our Town and Nation

Paul stood before the Athenians 1900 years ago and proclaimed his faith that all men were made of *one blood* to live together in *one world* under the sovereignty of *one God*.

All over the church today thinking people are questioning each other about ways of fulfilling Christ's implications and commandments. What can groups do to meet the need for brotherhood today in a way that will make us more than nominal Christians?

1. We Christian Endeavorers must learn to have a Christian attitude toward the standing of races before God. The Christian Endeavor group must help its members to test themselves to see that all races rank exactly the same with Him who "hath made of one blood all nations of men."

2. We Christian Endeavorers must help individuals to achieve a Christian attitude toward the worth of individual persons. Followers of

OUR AIMS

1. To properly observe Brotherhood Sunday.
2. To learn "Who Is My Neighbor?"
3. To apply the lesson to living today.

QUESTIONS

1. Tell in your own words the story of the Good Samaritan. What do you think of the author's modern version of this story?
2. Define the following words: brother, neighbor, enemy, the despised.
3. How can our youth group help to develop a more Christian attitude toward the people of other races?
4. You and A are friends. You pass him (or her) uptown, but you're so busy looking at a store window, you don't see A. Later, you discover, he said that you ignored or "high-hatted" him. What should you do?
5. Discuss the question of exclusive clubs. Are they right or wrong? What about high school cliques?
6. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." What does this mean—love thyself?
7. In your opinion, what answer did Jesus give to the lawyer who asked: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
8. In your opinion, what is involved in being a good neighbor?
9. What can your Christian Endeavor do to make your church more friendly?

the Man of Galilee must, of necessity, see persons as *persons* and not as JEWS, NEGROES, POOR WHITES, CAPITALISTS, MILL-WORKERS, FARMERS.

3. We Christian Endeavorers must help the individual to achieve a Christian conception of the responsibility Christianity places upon those who are strong to protect the rights of those who are weak. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me," places the burden of proof upon every person who is called Christian to "take up for" those who cannot protect themselves—and to do it in a spirit of Christian love.

Do Something Neighborly

As important as is the work of the group in helping individuals achieve Christlike at-

titudes, in helping the group to engage in study of conditions and of the contributions from various races, when all this is done and done well, there is another step that must be taken. This step is *action*.

There are many actions which may be taken—actions which grow out of study and prayer. What your group should do will depend upon where you are. We live together in a society that is not Christian. The truth remains that every Christian is his brother's keeper. No Christian can sit idly by in this age when the race problem is still Number One in needing solving. It is true that Christianity, and only true Christianity, can enable America to lead the world in showing how racial differences may be used and not abused.

Dramatize the Parable

Why not give this story a modern setting and seek to dramatize it thus:

One time a man like yourself was going from Chicago to St. Louis and some gangsters held him up. They robbed him and beat him up and drove off with his car, leaving him half-conscious beside the road. In a little while a Christian Endeavor officer came along on his way to share in a Christian Endeavor Rally. It was dark, and as he was going about sixty in his new Dodge, he had almost passed the poor fellow before he saw him. Moved with great compassion, he lifted his foot from the accelerator. But remembering he had only thirty minutes before the night services began, he stepped on the gas again.

A little later another Christian Endeavorer came by. He had been invited to lead the singing at that same meeting. Driving along in his last year's Chevrolet, he was whistling the tune that he was going to teach the group that night. Rounding the curve, his lights shone full on the limp and bloody form of the man who had been robbed. He put on the brakes, but suddenly remembered that he had promised to meet with the choir a few minutes before the service in order to run over the special number. "Sorry, old man," he thought as he regained his speed, "but I simply don't have the time."

So they both passed by.

Soon after that there came onto the highway from a muddy side road an ancient, dilapidated Model T Ford. Who could the driver be?

He was a Negro! Standing over the wounded man, he took his bandanna handkerchief and began to wipe away the blood from his nose and mouth. He seems to be muttering: "Somebody has robbed you; I've been robbed, too. They have all passed you by like you were of no account. Folks pass me by, too. You're all hurt and bleeding. I know. I know."

He picked the man up, and making him as comfortable as possible on the back seat, took him to the nearest hospital. "Take good care of him," he said, "and whatever it costs, I'll pay it."

Now, work out the dramatic episodes!

Bible References

- M., Feb. 11. Co-operation with Neighbors. Proverbs 3:27-29.
T., Feb. 12. Where Neighborliness Ends. Matthew 5:43-47.
W., Feb. 13. Neighborly Help. Isaiah 41:6, 7.
T., Feb. 14. Calling All Men Neighbors. Zechariah 3:7, 8, 10.
F., Feb. 15. Neighbors Share Our Joy. Luke 15:4-9.
S., Feb. 16. The Royal Law. James 2:1-10.
Sun., Feb. 17. Topic—He's My Neighbor. Luke 10:29-37.



Greater Faith for Growing Souls

No. 3 in a Series: "How Jesus Teaches"

John 17:16-20: II Timothy 2:19-21

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 24

Comments by Raymond C. Steinbart Briefing the Leader

1. Pray very definitely that the Holy Spirit will give you new insight into the Word of God.

2. Check your own growth in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Would you say that you have made some advance in the Christian life in the past three months? If so, what was the contributing factor?

3. Try to set aside 30 minutes each day for Bible study and prayer until you lead the meeting. If it was profitable for you, why not continue the habit? It's a good habit to keep.

Biblical References

Two references come to our attention, John 17:16-20 and II Timothy 2:19-21. John 17 is the high priestly prayer of Jesus Christ. This prayer is a mine of precious truth. The divinity of our Lord flashes forth everywhere. He is about to leave His disciples. They would be a part of a hostile world; they would have tribulation and persecution. But the disciples knew Jesus prayed for them and many times they would recall His words, "Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given me."

Christ desired that their faith be strengthened. The Word of truth would do something wonderful for them. The growing soul must turn to the Word of truth. Faith cometh by hearing and that by the Word of God. Remove the Word of God from a man's life and you have already begun to see the walls of faith totter. The Word is food for the new life in Christ Jesus. With His Word hid in our hearts we turn to the world in the spirit of service. Jesus said, "I sent them into the world." We are His representatives. As we put our hands to the task may we even hear the Master say, "Have faith in God."

Though the faith of some be overthrown, yet the Lord is said to know the ways of the righteous (Psalm 1:6). Our confidence is in God. His foundations stand sure. As growing souls He hath redeemed us from iniquity and all that name His name depart from iniquity. Our blessed Lord wants us to be different.

Basic Material

This is our final lesson in the unit, "How Jesus Teaches." Today we consider, "Greater Faith for Growing Souls."

It was St. Augustine who said, "For what is faith unless it is to believe what you do not see." From the pen of J. E. Woodbridge come these words, "Faith is the eye that sees Him, the hand that clings to Him, the receiving power that appropriates Him." Hear the words of Nathaniel Hawthorne, "Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows, standing without you see no glory, nor can imagine any. But standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors."

Faith is our most important asset. If America lost much of its material treasures, these could be re-created by our free vigorous people.

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can we determine when a soul is growing Godward? What would you consider to be the marks of this growth?

2. If faith without works is dead, do we need more works and less faith, or more faith and less works? Or do we need both?

3. How can one increase his faith?

4. What two characters in the faith chapter of Hebrews 11 impress you the most and why?

5. What would you say has happened to people within the church who never take responsibility and never seem to feel the pressure of the Gospel, who are very content to attend but avoid any work for Christ and the church?

If we lose faith we are indeed lost. Without faith we are as stained glass windows in the dark.

Men and women of faith must be growing souls. We are admonished to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "Grow into a holy temple" (Ephesians 2:21); also in 4:15, "Grow up into Him in all things." Peter said, "Desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow" (I Peter 2:2).

Growth cannot be without life. There is no building without a foundation. Put a dry stick into the ground and cultivate and water it as much as you will, it will continue the same until it rots; but set a living plant by the side of it and it soon begins to shoot up and in time becomes a wide spreading tree.

The 11th chapter of Hebrews is a great hall of fame. Here are portraits of those recognized as heroes of faith. "They subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were slain with the sword, all of them obtained a good report through faith." Let's consider a few propositions:

1. *What the Word of God declares about faith.*

In Hebrews 11:6 we are told, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." Check that word once more, "impossible." We must

have the kind of faith that will make us want to walk with God. We are told that God will reward them that diligently seek Him. There is a God to please, a living God, a loving God who takes a continual interest in all human things. Do but a little service heartily to Him and He will come to you with His rewarding love.

2. *What the Word of God sets forth as examples of faith.*

Our first growing soul whose portrait hangs among the heroes of faith is Abel, who offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, his brother. Abel was the first martyr for religion, one who lived by faith and died for it, and therefore a fit pattern for all of us to imitate. Abel teaches that fallen man may again approach God, that worship must be through the medium of sacrifice, that acceptance with God is the highest favor, and that a godly life is immortal in its influence.

Our next growing soul in the hall of faith is Enoch. Here is a man who took a long walk with God and never came back home; for God took Him into heaven. Those who by faith walk with God in a sinful world are pleasing to Him and He will give them marks of His favor and honor them. Here is a man God took away from the society of ungodly men, away from the wickedness over which he mourned, and away from the privations of this wilderness state. God had tested the fidelity of His servant. Enoch was a growing soul, full of faith and hope.

Finally, for your own study, "What shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and Samson, and of Jephthae, of David also and Samuel and of the prophets." All of these were growing souls who made God's "Who's Who" and their names are recorded among God's heroes of faith.

Backing the Project

1. Form a prayer group of about five people who will determine by the help of God to be prayer warriors. Search out ten people who are not Christians and pray definitely for them until they are won for the Lord. This will add great faith to growing souls.

2. Have distributed to your members a series of gospel tracts on faith and growth. Consult your pastor.

Best Illustrations

A dying sailor was near his end and the death sweat stood upon his brow. A friend said, "Well, mate, how is it with you now?" The dying man, with a smile, made answer, "The anchor holds, the anchor holds."

There was a child whose father and mother died, and she was taken into another family. The first night she asked if she might pray as she used to do. "Oh, yes," said they. So she knelt down and prayed as her mother had taught her, and then she added a little prayer of her own: "O God, make these people as kind to me as father and mother were." Then she paused and looked up as if expecting her answer, and then added, "Of course you will."

Bible Meditations

- M., Feb. 18. The Ladder of Faith. I Peter 1:5-8.
- T., Feb. 19. Prayer for Greater Faith. Mark 9:23, 24.
- W., Feb. 20. The Power of Faith. Matthew 17:20, 21.
- T., Feb. 21. The Source of Faith. Romans 10:13-17.
- F., Feb. 22. Faith Requires Works. James 2:14-18.
- S., Feb. 23. Victory in Faith. I John 5:4, 5.
- Sun., Feb. 24. Topic—Greater Faith for Growing Souls. John 17:16-20; II Timothy 2:19-21.

Jesus, My Pilot

Luke 8:22-25



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

FEBRUARY 24

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

What Does Jesus Mean to You?

At a Christian Endeavor conference we were considering some of the problems of the religious life. At the close of one of the address-opportunity was given for questions. This was one of the questions asked: "What does Jesus mean to you?" That is one of those baffling questions, which one believes he can answer at a moment, but the more he thinks about it, the more elusive does an answer become.

We can ask in the next several lessons on Jesus, "Just what does Christ mean to me?" Some Jesus is a word that is attached to prayers in a church on Sunday. When spoken the more or less beautiful surroundings of worship service, it has a soothing effect. If Jesus is taken into account at no other place in life, it is plain that He will mean little.

One young man wrote that Jesus was to him "the subject of Sunday school lessons." Often He is taken into account only at death. When two mysteries meet. Life can be lived comfortably without Jesus, but death can hardly be faced safely without Him. A visitor calling upon a home to interest people in the work of the church was greeted with this reply: "We have a cemetery lot in a neighboring town, and so we do not need a church."

To some Jesus is only an intellectual concept. Yet saying "Lord, Lord" does not give the clue to the depth of meaning which Jesus might have. This can only be found as one discovers the points in human experience which Jesus is taken into account and makes difference.

Youth today want to take Jesus seriously. We want to know Him as Guide and Helper in everyday conduct, as the One who helps us to find solutions to the problems that constantly press on us. We would experience rich and varied opportunities for fellowship with Him as He pilots us down life's stream. Here is what one Christian Endeavorer wrote about Jesus:

"He is a 'Saviour' to me because He has revealed to me the meaning of life—the purpose of my existence. He has shown that God is my Father, and that all human beings are my brothers and sisters. He has made possible the sense of daily fellowship with God.

"He is 'Guide' because I see in Him a perfect pattern of the inner life. He is to me the divine Teacher, a Friend whose unseen presence may be a more powerful factor in my life than that of any being who is actually present in physical form."

Jesus Will Pilot Us Through

Jesus is the adequate pilot on life's way—the way. In almost every turn of the road decisions must be reached, choices must be

OUR AIMS

1. To know Christ as Guide in our lives.
2. To see how Christ can help us weather storms in life.
3. To entrust our lives to Christ and to magnify Him in all contacts which are ours.

QUESTIONS

1. What are some conditions under which youth are most likely to feel the need of Christ's piloting?
2. We often speak as if all loyalty is good. Is this true? Give careful reasons for your answer.
3. What are some of the ways in which we take our loyalty to Christ too easily?
4. From whom do we get the standards now commonly accepted in our school, social, and business contacts?
5. Which of our common standards would be changed if we were more serious about measuring our lives by Christ?

made. He is a wise Christian Endeavorer who makes it his supreme concern to know and to do what Jesus would have him do. In the carrying out of such purpose there are problems, disappointments, and defeats which the traveler must meet. Experienced Christians will tell you that these cannot be met in one's own strength. Our Master offers His adequacy in every one of these emergencies.

Perhaps the severest tests along life's way are in times of achievement. Success at school or in sports or popularity, particularly spectacular success, is a heavy drain upon one's spiritual reserves. It is none too easy to live close to Jesus and to acknowledge dependence upon Him when all goes well with the individual. Happy the young man or young woman who sees in life's successes fresh evidences of the Master's love and care.

Our Guide in the Valleys

Life is not always green pastures and quiet waters. We sometimes must go through "the valley of the shadow." The Christian way is mountainous. We experience the exhilaration of high places, but ofttimes we must first go

through the valley. But we fear no evil, for God is with us. We may be in the valley today, and the valley may be dark, but the sun-drenched mountain is always before us.

Repeat Psalm 23.

Our Guide When Tempted

The Bible teaches us that Christ's power is made perfect in our weakness, not in our strength. It says, "And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Corinthians 12:9). One of the most beautiful and encouraging promises of all the Word of God is the following one: "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:29-31).

Jesus Points the Way

If you start an auto trip, you carefully chart the highways you will travel to your destination. Such an elementary procedure is often neglected when we journey along the highway of time.

Jesus did not merely give us lovely word pictures about life; He marked out the way to travel. He said, "I am the way." He is the way to God, to happiness, to peace of mind, and to worthy purpose in life. He left road markers along the way—prayer, silence, concern for people, humility, and love. Are you traveling His way? Are you following these markers?

Poem: "Life's Highway"

by Mrs. S. J. Newton

Life is just a winding highway
That we travel day by day;
It is ours to do the choosing,
Whether the broad or narrow way.

Sometimes it winds through peaceful valleys,

Or down quiet, shady lanes,
Sometimes besides clear, still waters,
Or on through broad, fertile plains.

Ofttimes the way is rough and rugged,
Often may lead o'er mountains steep;
Many times the chasm of trials
Yawns so vast, so broad, so deep.

How we need a hand to guide us
And a voice to calm our fears.
There's just one true Guide and Pilot
One who knows and loves and cares.

May we follow in the steps of Jesus,
Choose ever the narrow highway,
Let Him be our Guide whate'er betide
And heaven will be ours some day.
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- M., Feb. 18. Facing Uncertainty. Matthew 24:3-13.
T., Feb. 19. Faith for a Crisis. Mark 5:25-34.
W., Feb. 20. Faith and Fear in a Storm. Matthew 14:24-32.
T., Feb. 21. The Storm of Temptation. I Corinthians 10:13.
F., Feb. 22. The Comfort of Companionship. II Corinthians 7:5-7.
S., Feb. 23. God Is Our Refuge. Psalm 46:1-3.
Sun., Feb. 24. Topic—Jesus, My Pilot. Luke 8:22-25.



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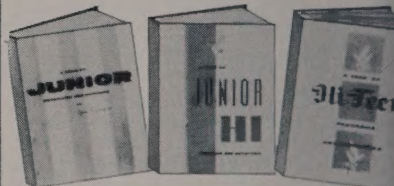
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